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## Soledad Witnesses Were Bought, Juror Says of Not Guilty Verdict

"There was no case against them," juror John Callahan said of the Soledad Brothers.
"Every body who jestified against them was bought."

Callahan, an airline ticket agent, made the comment yesterday after an all-white jury returned a verdict of not guilty 26 montus after white guard John Mills was killed at Soledad Prison.

Callahan's reference was to a defense contention that four main prosecution witnesses -All convicts — were promised convicts — were promised convicts — were promised convict and for their testimony against fellow inmates Fleeta Drumge and John Clutchette.

The prosecution denied it.

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Drumgo, 26, and Clutchette,
28, both blacks serving sentences for buglary, were charged with Mills' murder along with George Jackson, 33, a convicted robber.

System Works'

After the verdict was read, Superior Court Judge S. Lee Vayuris build the court! 'Most of you have doubted the systemysters, and if anyone can come up with a better system, I'd like to see it. The 12 jurors had a spokes.

Dearing of Cuichette and Jackson became known as the Solecule Brothers — although they are unrelated — partly because Jackson had written a book on blacks and the prison and dissidents across

gine of connection with the Angar, 1970, shootout at the Man County Civic Center in with four persons were kind. The state charges that fire hostages taken during the stootout were intended to force release of the Soledad Brothers. Brothers:

Jackson Killed

Jackson was killed Aug. 21 at San Quentin Prison while at San Quentin Prison while awaiting trial, Prison authorities said he was running toward a 20-foot wall in an escape attempt when he was shot by a guard. In the eame incident, three white guards and two white prisoners in the maximum security unit were

Drumgo is among six convicts charged with those slay-

ings.
In the 13 weeks of testimony and evidence, the prosecution charged that Clutchetts and Drumgo had helped Jacksen beat up Mills and toss ms body

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**FROM** 

GEORGE LESTER JACKSON (DECEASED)

"SOLEDAD BROTHERS" CRIMINAL RECORDS

Remymemo 6-13-72, setting forth the criminal backgrounds of captioned individuals. Mr. Gray requested a draft of a proposed factual letter to the editor of "The Washington Post" which he noted did not necessarily indicate that he would actually send such a letter.

> draft of a A proposed/letter to possibly send to "The Washington Post"

is attached.

It is noted, however, the letter is necessarily limited in scope, was 370 since information concerning the juvenile records of Jackson furnished confidentially to the Bureau and is not suitable for public discussion by the Bureau. It is additionally noted that the timeliness of a reply is now questionable, since the editorial appeared on June 6th, and the sordide histories of captioned individuals have been previously set forth in detail in other publications. The Angela Davis trial, which prompted editorial mention of the records of captioned, is also settling down in the public mind and the wisdom of rekindling of controversy concerning it is debatable.

Hostile press elements are undoubtedly seeking opportunities to depict Mr. Gray as "anti-press" and the Post could be characteristically expected to balloon any response in instant matter out of all proper proportion in an attempt to discredit and smear Mr. Gray and the Bureau. It would thus appear advantageous for the Bureau to conserve our ammunition for a more worthy contest, such as a direct attack on the FBI.

EX-112 REC- 22 44. 5052 2 It is therefore respectfully suggested that the attached/letter hot be sent to "The Washington Post" for the reasons cited above.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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The Washington Post 1515 L Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005

I wish to take exception to the misleading impressions concerning the criminal character of George Jackson as set forth in the editorial "Justice and the Angela Davis Verdict," which appeared in "The Washington Post" on June 6th.

Since editorial expressions often strongly influence reader viewpoints, I am sure you will agree that fairness and objectivity should be prime considerations. These essentials, in my opinion, were missing when it was stated that "George Jackson was in the twelfth year of an 'up to life sentence' for a \$70 armed robbery," and that "is serving a life sentence 'without the possibility of parole' for an offense involving the transfer of \$10 worth of marijuana." A reasonable man, I feel, would conclude that these individuals were overly penalized for the offenses mentioned, out of all proportion to the severity of the crimes involved. Logically, it would appear they were both victims of gross injustice.

A closer examination, however, of the criminal histories of Jackson might result in a far different conclusion, and it is interesting to note that other publications of widespread readership assumed the responsibility of fully informing their readers of the true nature of the criminal histories of Jackson Jackson, for example, received his indeterminate sentence of one year to life after admitting participation in an armed robbery, wherein the robbery victim was threatened with death, and this sentence was affixed as a result of two previous commitments as a juvenile offender.

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your editorial as assessed a life sentence for an offense involving the transfer of \$10 worth of marijuana, was convicted of an armed robbery and kidnapping of a California man and was armed with a fully loaded gun when arrested. His sentence was assessed in consideration of a prior felony conviction when he was a juvenile.

Other representatives of the press, with access to the same facts available to your editorial writers, additionally noted, in presenting an objective picture of these individuals, Jackson's prison record which reflected, during a nine-year period from 1961 to 1970, 45 prison rule infractions which included assaulting fellow inmates and guards, one of these assaults resulting in the death of a prison guard. Indeed, Jackson's death occurred during an attempted escape from prison.

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As a staunch believer in the American system of justice, and as a firm advocate of responsible journalism, I appreciate the opportunity to make known my viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director



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UNITED STATES GOVIMENT MemorandumBates Bishop Callaha Campbel Casper Clevela Mr. Bishop DATE: 6-15-7 M. A. Jones / Tele. Room Mr. Kinley SUBJECT: GEORGE LESTER JACKSON (DECEASED) Mr. Armstrong \_ "SOLEDAD BROTHERS" CRIMINAL RECORDS Remymemo 6-13-72, which set forth the available criminal records of captioned individuals. The San Francisco Office has subsequently forwarded copies of articles concerning Jackson which appeared in the "National Review" and "The San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle" which included additional details concerning Jackson's criminal activities. These articles are attached and it is interesting to note a quotation attributed to Jackson in the "Examiner-Chronicle" article wherein he reportedly stated in August, 1970, "They have clear cut political prisoners here at San Quentin, and I consider persons convicted of burglaries and robberies and crimes of passion and economic crimes, where money and survival are material, as political prisoners." This statement appears to summarize the philosophy of Jackson and his supporters who have shrieked so often and so loudly "Free the Political Prisoners!" RECOMMENDATION: Enclosures 44.505 1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Kinley 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller 1 - M. A. Jones  $JRH:dmc_{1}(6)$ 

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Col. Oran K. Henderson, Medina's brigade commander, will be charged for dereliction of duty for not investigating what happened at the Vietnamese hamlet.

THE UN'S ECONOMIC BOYCOTT of Rhodesia has succeeded in 1) making the UN appear silly and ineffectual, and 2) forcing the United States to import most of its chrome ore from the Soviet Union (which has tripled the price over the past three years). Now the Senate has passed a measure under which the President may not prohibit importation of strategic materials from any country if the same material is being imported from a Communist country. A "slap at the

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UN," fumed the NY Times. Which is just what it takes, sometimes, to bring people to their senses.

pleas from Washington and the Vatican to leave the American Embassy in Budapest and come to the West. Their concern was no doubt partly for his health and safety, but also for the effect his symbolic presence in the Embassy had on attempts at rapprochement. He had always said that he would not leave Hungary until his conviction of treason was officially repudiated by the government. He did not win that full victory, but Hungary referred to him as "Cardinal" when announced

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For a "political prisoner" George Jackson had quite a criminal background—as dug up by the L.A. Times and published in a Buckley column last week:

On January 5, 1957, fifteen-year-old George/Jackson was arrested for stealing a motorcycle. He was released in the custody of his parents. . . . On January 22 police arrested Jackson again, on suspicion of burgarizing a motorcycle shop. While being frisked he turned on one of the officers and attempted to drive his back into a desk spike. As a result of this incident he was detained briefly as a juvenile offender but later released on probation. . . . During the month of February he rested. ... On March 5 Jackson was arrested for burglarizing a Los Angeles furniture store. This being his third arrest, the authorities sent him to reform school. . . . On August 20, 1958 Jackson was again arrested. This time he had a disagreement with his boss and slashed the seats of a bus his boss owned. He spent ten days in jail. . . . On September 24 Jackson, with some help, robbed \$105 from a gas station. He was arrested, escaped and was arrested again, escaped again and was rearrested. He was paroled in June 1960.

Then, on September 19, 1960, came the famous gas station robbery, the one that netted only 71 bucks. February 1, 1961 Jackson was sentenced to one year to life, depending on his behavior. With good behavior he would have been out in a year; if he didn't behave he would be in jail for life. As we know, Jackson was in jail for the rest of his life.

Placed first in Soledad, his infractions were minor. As time passed they became more serious: April 1965, Jackson stabbed a Chicano inmate in the back; September 1966, a prisoner accused Jackson of ripping open his head; January 1967, Jackson was accused of assault with a two-foot long pipe; April 1967, he was accused of beating the head of a Chicano inmate; June 1967, he refused to obey an order, then assaulted the guard who gave it; October 1969, a simulated gun was found in Jackson's possession; January 1970, Jackson, along

John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo, was charged with killing a guard at Soledad. His last prison violation was August 21, 1971, when he was killed trying to escape from prison.

BRIEFS. Eldridge Cleaver left Algeria and has turned up in the Congo, and, it seems, the Congo is everything he ever wanted: "We find here in the Congo a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist state, party, and a People's Army built along the lines of a true People's Republic to deal with safeguarding construction of a socialist society from both internal and external enemies." Fellow Black Panther Huey Newton is also traveling. He's visiting the People's Republic of China. Back home in Oakland, black attorney Joseph Simmons said some unkind things about Newton. Simmons accused him of "downgrading" black lawyers" and said that Newton had given the firm of very white attorney Charles Garry \$500,000 over the years. Commented Simmons: "I am worried that Newton has become a twentieth-century Uncle Tom." . . . . Also on the move is the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He went on a week-long lecture tour of the Soviet Union. Another SCLC leader, Rev. Hosea Williams, is visiting China on a "goodwill brotherhood" trip. Mao should really enjoy this visit. Williams has a letter from Abernathy to Mao and a film on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.

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# The Many Faces of George Jackson

By Mary Crawford

Jackson was a man of many face

"Don't let him fool you with the many faces he is capable of showing." his father, Lester, warned a prison official six years ago, long before his son became celebrated as one of the so-called 'Soledad Brothers.'

To his father, a postal employe, George Jackson was everything a boy should be growing up in Chicago: An all ar boy, an honor student, a flerce competitor in sports.

But by the time he was 14.

hero. A year ago Jonathan
was slain in the Marin
County Clvic Center shootout
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To Angela Davis, awaiting trial in San Refael on charges of providing Jonathan with the gun that killed Judge Baley; the death of George Jacksons when he tried to escape from San Quentin last Aug. 21 meant with the "loss of an irretrievable on the south of the secape from San Salpped me, and we fought, so they sent me to Juvenile the "loss of an irretrievable" and the south of the secape from San Salpped me, and we fought, so they sent me to Juvenile Hall." the "loss of an irretrievable Hall." love." Three guards and three prisoners were killed on that bloody Saturday afternoon.

#### Martyr!

To Jackson's followers, he was a "political prisoner," on record. Here who said last April that he items that follow:

hoped to escape. To prison officials, he was a troublemaker, with 45 stealing a motorcycle.

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nary infractions. fore, and when George Jack- les. Sent to juvenile hall after by The Examiner he wouldn't deny some of the charges. Others he would explain or excuse. And some he would explain or excuse. would deny or attribute to

For example, his first Cali-forma arrest took place Jan. 5, 1957, when he was 15 Los Angeles police accused him of "suspicion of joyriding" on somebody else's motor ike, and he was released to his parents.

Jackson explained, "I bought a motorcycle from a guy who gave me a fake pink slip, and the police accused Dec. 3, 1958, returned Dec. 3, me of stealing it."







Smiling, prayorful, talkative, pensive George Jackson in prison photos

To his younger brother, Jonathan. George was a between the bill's handwrit-

Two weeks later, he was arrested on suspicion of burarrested on suspicion of burglarizing a motorcycle shop in Los Angeles. Police said the admitted the thefts of a Superior Judge Harold Haley, for his brother in San Quentin. son began to struggle.

Traphagen has said that Jackson knocked me off Jackson balance, kicked another juvenile officer; bent me over a desk toward a filing spike."

Conflicting versions of became a martyr. throughout Jackson's
To Jackson, himself, he three-volume arrest and prison record. Here are the

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• Jan, 22, 1957, arrested on suspicion of burglarizing a But his file began long be-motorcycle shop in Los Angeson was interviewed in 1970 almost running a spike through a policeman.

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 in Bakersfield for threatening his boss and slashing the seats of his boss' bus.

 Sept. 24, 1958, arrested with two other youths for a \$105 Bakersfield service station robbery.

• Oct. 21, 1958, escape

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CYA as an escapee, parole violator and robber.

 Sept. 18, 1960, arrested for robbing a service station attendant of \$71 in Los Ange-les with a friend paroled also from CYA.

#### Evaluation

• Feb. 1, 1961, sentenced to prison for one to life for

dividual who states he is sat isfied with himself and sees no need for any change within himself. He rationalized at great length that his anti-social behavior was justified and that it is his intention to continue with his arti-social what happened occur acts until he accumulates a throughout Jackson's sufficiently large sum of three-volume arrest and prismoney him."

> May 21, 1962, Jackson was transferred to San Quen-tin Prison for refusing to disperse during an unauthorized inmate gathering at Soledad. But San Quentin refused to keep him because of his youth. He was transferred to Deuel Vocational Institution at Tracy.

• Nov. 28, 1962, Jackson created "a disturbance" and was sent back to San Quentin "management prob

• April 4, 1965, he assaulted a Chicano inmate, stab-bing him in the back in a fight over \$10.

#### Father's Letter

• May 25, 1961. Jackson's father wrote to a San Quentin official:

"We love our son dearly and we have spent more than our share of time with him, and money on him.

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 Sept. 17, 1966, George Jackson accused of ripping open the head of a black inmate.

• Jan. 17, 1967, Jackson accused of an assault with a two-foot long pipe.

 April 25, 1967, Jackson accused of beating the head of a Chicano inmate who was lying on the floor.

• Feb. 17, 1969, a simulated gun made from a wire hanger and tape, found in Jackson's cell.

#### Soledad Brothers

A year later Jackson went back to Soledad.

• Jan. 16, 1970, it is charged that Jackson and two other Soledad inmates. Fleeta Drumgo, now 26, and John Clutchette, now 28, beat from tomerrow, barring more delays.)

This trio became world fa mous as the "Soledad Broth ers." They considered them selves soul brothers and pe litical prisoners.

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"And I consider person convicted of burglaries ar robberies and crimes of pa sion and economic crime where money and survivare material, as politic prisoners," he said.

He saw no way of gettir out of prison legitimate

He died trying.

### on George Jackson

The Rev. Larry Jones' column (12/26) indicated that there was a lack of factual information available to the public concerning the death of George Jackson during the attempted San Quentin prison break of Aug. 21, 1971.

Quite contrary to the position expressed by Mr. Jones, all of the facts surrounding the abortive Jackson prison escape are and have been readily available. The truth is however, that the "liberal" press and other media, the National Lawyers Guild, "liberal" clergymen, and Maoists—yes, Maoists—have been pouring out incendiary rhetoric in their anxious efforts to attack the American penal system for being unkind to criminals.

Only moments following lawyer Steve Bingham's visit to Jackson at San Quentin, brother George pulled a pistol and the break attempt had begun. Approximately 20 minutes later three white guards and two white convicts were dead, their throats slashed. A fourth officer, although stabbed in the throat, managed to survive. All available evidence to date indicates that the two white inmates were killed because they refused to take part in the break. Jackson himself was shot from the prison tower as he raced for a prison wall, leaving behind five corpses.

Of interest is the fact that with lawyer Bingham, during his visit to San Quentin to see Jackson, was a woman. The home address she gave to San Quentin Officials is the same as the Berkeley, Calif., Black Panther Party headquarters, the Angela Davis Defense Committee, and the Bobby Seale Clinic. But then, lawyer Bingham himself is not exactly one who could be referred to as a patriot. Bingham is associated with the National Lawyers

To gain a better understanding of George Jackson himself, one need only read Jackson's own writings appearing in the underground press and in his book, "Soledad Brother—The Prison' Letters of George Jackson." In advising young people about school, brother George has said, "Burn it, all the fascist literature, burn that too. Then equip yourself with the Little Red Book" (reference is to Chalrman Man's "quotations") Of himself he said, "Jean't be satisfied with myself until I'am Communist man, revolutionary man,

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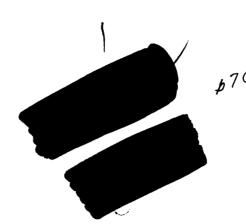
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BINGHAM 9-23 SALEM, CONN. (UPI) -- THE PARENTS OF JAMES M. BINGHAM, A LAWYER INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK IN 1971 DURING WHICH SIX MEN DIED, SAY A STORY IN SUNDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES WAS THE FIRST PROOF THEY HAVE THAT THEIR SON IS ALIVE. THE TIMES PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH EINGHHAM, THE YOUNG SCION OF A WEALTHY CONNECTICUT FAMILY, WHICH THE NEWSPAPER SAID WAS CONDUCTED RECENTLY IN AN UNIDENTIFIED CANADIAN CITY.
"WE ARE DELIGHTED TO KNOW HE'S ALIVE AND REASONABLY HEALTHY," SAID BINGHAM'S MOTHER SYLVIA. "WE HAVE NOT KNOWN WHERE HE WAS OR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM." BINGHAM, WHO IS THE GRANDSON OF A FORMER U.S. SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING A GUN IN 1971 TO GEORGE JACKSON, AN INMATE IN SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN CALIFORNIA AND ONE OF THE THREE "SOLEDAD BROTHERS" ACCUSED OF MURDERING A SOLEDAD PRISON GUARD JACKSON AND FIVE OTHER MEN, INCLUDING THREE PRISON GUARDS, WERE KILLED IN THE SAN QUENTIN ESCAPE ATTEMPT. FOLLOWING JACKSON'S DEATH, THE OTHER TWO "SOLEDAD BROTHERS" WERE ACQUITTED OF CHARGES IN THE 1970 KILLING.

BINGHAM'S FATHER ALFRED, A FORMER STATE SENATOR, SAID THEY LAST
HEARD FROM BINGHAM A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

HE SAID THEY WOULD NOT TRY TO FIND HIS SON BECAUSE IT MIGHT
ENDANGER BINGHAM'S LIFE, BUT THEN ADDED THAT HE HOPES TO SEE HIM.

BINGHAM TOLD THE TIMES HE WILL NOT SURRENDER TO AUTHORITIES

BECAUSE HE FEARS PRISON CHARDS WHO BELLEVE HE WAS DESPONSIBLE FOR BECAUSE HE FEARS PRISON GUARDS WHO BELIEVE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THEIR FELLOW GUARDS WOULD KILL HIM.
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